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Correction to CR4136: New Waived Tests

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

All providers and suppliers billing Medicare carriers for laboratory tests

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is July 24, 2006.
- The Current Procedure Terminology (CPT) code **82271** was **incorrectly listed** in the second paragraph of the background section of the Recurrent Update Notification attachment of CR4136 as not requiring a QW modifier.
- The CPT code should have been **82272** and it does not require a QW modifier.
- All other information that outlines which tests require the "QW modifier" and which do not require the "QW modifier" remains the same as listed in CR4136.
- The web address for MLN Matters article MM4136 related to CR4136 is at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4136.pdf> on the CMS web site.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5131.pdf>

The official instruction, CR5131, issued to Medicare carriers regarding this change can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R988CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If affected providers have any questions, they should contact their carrier/intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS web site.